

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, in light of the present amendment and following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-20 are pending; Claims 1-15 are canceled; Claims 16-20 have been newly added; no claims have been amended herewith. The specification has been amended to include U.S. priority information. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added by this amendment.

Consequently, in view of the foregoing discussion and present amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for examination. An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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